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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Without warning, sudden cardiac arrest can afflict anyone, anytime. Placer County sheriff's deputies are now trained and equipped with life-saving devices that have been proven to reduce the number of deaths from those who have suffered heart attacks.

Because deputies are often the first to arrive at emergency scenes, the Sheriff's Department has placed an Automatic External Defibrillator in every patrol car. The department has also provided advanced life-saving training to all deputies in their use.

AEDs automatically detect and analyze a person's heart rhythm through electrodes placed on the victim's chest. A microprocessor determines whether a heart-starting shock is appropriate while an automated voice guides the deputy through the entire process. The AED helps establish normal heart rhythm by delivering an electric shock to the heart. Medical experts claim that early defibrillation is an important element in the chain of survival for cardiac victims.

"Deputy sheriffs now have one more tool to save a life," said Sheriff Ed Bonner. "Often, deputies work in remote areas where medical aid is far away. AEDs will bring live-saving equipment closer to where it's needed."

Last year, the Auburn Rotary Club donated four defibrillators to the Sheriff's Department to start this project. The proven effectiveness of these devices proved to be the impetus that led the department to furnish each car with an AED. In addition, the Placer County Board of Supervisors, along with the sheriff department's two contract cities, Loomis and Colfax, supported funding for the AEDs.